

Amendment to and Listing of the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 4-6 wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough and double brackets indicate deletions. Please add new claims 7-10 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A medium conveying apparatus comprising:

a conveying roller shaft ~~which is movable along a leaving direction~~ corresponding to the thickness with respect to a conveying path of a medium when the medium is conveyed; and

a pressing member which extends along a length of said shaft and presses said shaft ~~in its at three or more several positions for making said shaft~~ [[to]]approach said a conveying path of the medium: [[.]]

wherein said pressing member ~~makes-causes~~ said shaft to leave in parallel with said conveying path when said shaft is made to leave said conveying path by said medium.

2. (Currently Amended) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pressing member is made from a rigid material which is ~~[[almost]]~~not deformed when its ~~own is~~ pressed by an external force.

3. (Original) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pressing member presses said conveying roller shaft in at least one position in an area where the medium is conveyed.

4. (Currently Amended) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an adjusting portion which adjusts a pressing state of said conveying roller shaft is arranged in at least one of ~~a supporting mechanism~~ [[s]] located at both ends of said pressing member.

5. (Currently Amended) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pressing member ~~constructs-forms~~ a part of a guide which guides the medium.

6. (Currently Amended) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pressing member is rotatably mounted ~~such as being rotatable~~.

7. (New) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

at least one force providing member installed on said pressing member for providing a pressure force to said shaft via said pressing member.

8. (New) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said at least one force providing member is a spring.

9. (New) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said shaft is pressed uniformly along its length by said pressing member and moves in equilibrium.

10. (New) The medium conveying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pressing member is supported so as to swing freely around a fulcrum portion as a center.